AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1-23 (canceled)

24 (currently amended): A method comprising the following steps performed by a server in the following order:

(i) storing a <u>client profile, the client profile comprising a</u> font capabilities list for each of multiple client devices, each font capabilities list comprising a list of fonts for which the device has font structure data, the font structure data defining the structure in which text formatted with the respective font is to be rendered;

(ii) receiving text data addressed to a designated one of the devices, the text data comprising text and font identifiers, the font identifiers identifying which fonts to use to render the text;

(iii) comparing the font identifiers in the text data with the fonts in the capabilities list of the designated device, to determine the font identifiers for which the designated device lacks font structure data; ~~and~~

(iv) transferring the lacking font structure data and the text data to the designated device, wherein the device ~~permanently~~ stores the received font structure data in the client device<u>; and</u>

<u>(v) updating the client profile with the stored font structure data</u>.

25 (canceled)

26 (previously presented): The method of claim 24 wherein, in step ii, the server receives the text data along with attendant font structure data required to render the text data, and, in step iv,

the server operatively refrains from transferring the attendant font structure data to the device in response to determining in the comparing step that the device already has the attendant font structure data.

27 (previously presented): The method of claim 24 further comprising, between steps iii and iv:

requesting and receiving the lacking font structure data from another server.

28 (previously presented): The method of claim 24 further comprising between steps iii and iv:

determining whether another font identifier exists that is the same as the font identifier for which font structure data is lacking.

29 (previously presented): The method of claim 24 further comprising a step, performed before step (i), of:

receiving a list of client font capabilities from each of the client devices.

30 (previously presented): The method of claim 24 wherein the client devices are wireless mobile communication devices.

31 (previously presented): A method comprising the following steps performed by a server in the following order:

(i) storing a <u>client profile, the client profile comprising a</u> font capabilities list for each of multiple client devices, each font capabilities list comprising a list of fonts for which the device has font structure data, the font structure data defining the structure in which text formatted with the respective font is to be rendered;

(ii) receiving text data addressed to a designated one of the devices, the text data comprising text and font structure data for rendering the text;

(iii) determining, from the stored capabilities list for the designated device, whether the device already has the font structure data; and

(iv) transferring the text to the device, and operatively refraining from transferring the font structure data to the device in response to determining, in step iii, that the device already has the font structure data.

32 (previously presented): The method of claim 31 further comprising a step, performed before step (i), of:

receiving a list of client font capabilities from each of the client devices.

33 (previously presented): The method of claim 31 wherein the client devices are wireless mobile communication devices.

34 (previously presented): A method comprising the following steps performed by a server in the following order:

(i) storing a client profile, the client profile comprising a font capabilities list for each of multiple client devices, each font capabilities list comprising a list of fonts for which the device has font structure data, the font structure data defining the structure in which text formatted with the respective font is to be rendered;

(ii) receiving text data addressed to a designated one of the devices, the text data comprising text and font identifiers, the font identifiers identifying which fonts to use to render the text;

(iii) determining which of the text data's font identifiers is not found in the designated device's font capabilities list;

(iv) determining whether another font identifier exists that is the same as said not found font identifier; and

(v) transferring the text data to the designated device.

35 (previously presented): The method of claim 34 wherein step iv includes determining whether another font identifier exists in the designated font capabilities list that is the same as said not found font identifier.

36 (previously presented): The method of claim 34 wherein step iv includes determining whether the server has font structure data for said another font identifier, and step v includes transferring said font structure data for said another font identifier to the designated device.

37 (previously presented): The method of claim 34 wherein step iv includes determining

whether another server has font structure data for said another font identifier, and obtaining said

font structure data from said other server, and step v includes transferring said font structure data

for said another font identifier to the designated device.

38 (previously presented): The method of claim 34 further comprising a step, performed before

step (i), of:

    receiving a list of client font capabilities from each of the client devices.

39 (previously presented): The method of claim 34 wherein the client devices are wireless

mobile communication devices.

40 (previously presented): A method comprising the following steps performed by a server in the following order:

(i) storing a <u>client profile, the client profile comprising a</u> font capabilities list for each of multiple client devices, each font capabilities list comprising a list of fonts for which the device has font structure data, the font structure data defining the structure in which text formatted with the respective font is to be rendered;

(ii) receiving text data addressed to a designated one of the devices, the text data comprising text and font identifiers, the font identifiers identifying which fonts to use to render the text;

(iii) determining which of the text data's font identifiers is not found in the designated device's font capabilities list;

(iv) requesting and receiving font structure data for said not found font identifier from another server; and

(v) transferring both the text data and the font structure data for said not found font identifier to the designated device.

41 (previously presented): The method of claim 40 further comprising a step, performed before step (i), of:

receiving a list of client font capabilities from each of the client devices.

42 (previously presented): The method of claim 40 wherein the client devices are wireless mobile communication devices.